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Secretary of State  
Division of Corporations  
409 E. Gaines Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399

**RE: U.S. DEPOSIT GUARANTY, INC.**

Dear Secretary of State:

Enclosed please find the Articles of Incorporation for *U.S. Deposit Guaranty, Inc.* along with check no. 3017 in the amount of \$78.75 reflecting the filing fees to incorporate the aforementioned company. Please process and provide a certified copy of same to the undersigned at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

Your assistance concerning this matter is greatly appreciated and should you have any questions please call.

Sincerely,

  
Jill M. Lager, C.A., CFLA

Enclosure

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
U.S. DEPOSIT GUARANTY, INC.**

The undersigned subscriber to these Articles of Incorporation is a natural person competent to contract and hereby form a Corporation for profit under Chapter 607 of the Florida Statutes.

**ARTICLE 1 - NAME**

The name of the Corporation is **U.S. DEPOSIT GUARANTY, INC.**, (hereinafter, "Corporation").

**ARTICLE 2 - PURPOSE OF CORPORATION**

The Corporation shall engage in any activity or business permitted under the laws of the United States and of the State of Florida.

**ARTICLE 3 - PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

The address of the principal office of this Corporation is 6 Pelican Isle, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301 and the mailing address is the same, 6 Pelican Isle, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301.

**ARTICLE 4 - INCORPORATOR**

The name and street address of the incorporator of this Corporation is:

Robert A. D'Amore, Esq.  
250 Australian Avenue, Suite 400  
West Palm Beach, FL 33401

**ARTICLE 5 - CORPORATE CAPITALIZATION**

5.1 The maximum number of shares that this Corporation is authorized to have outstanding at any time is **SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED (7,500)** shares of common stock, each share having the par value of **ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00)**.

5.2 All holders of shares of common stock shall be identical with each other in every respect and the holders of common shares shall be entitled to have unlimited voting rights on all shares and be entitled to one vote for each share on all matters on which Shareholders have the right to vote.

5.3 All holders of shares of common stock, upon the dissolution of the Corporation, shall be entitled to receive the net assets of the Corporation.

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5.4 No holder of shares of stock of any class shall have any preemptive right to subscribe to or purchase any additional shares of any class, or any bonds or convertible securities of any nature; provided, however, that the Board of Director(s) may, in authorizing the issuance of shares of stock of any class, confer any preemptive right that the Board of Director(s) may deem advisable in connection with such issuance.

5.5 The Board of Director(s) of the Corporation may authorize the issuance from time to time of shares of its stock of any class, whether now or hereafter authorized, or securities convertible into shares of its stock of any class, whether now or hereafter authorized, for such consideration as the Board of Director(s) may deem advisable, subject to such restrictions or limitations, if any, as may be set forth in the bylaws of the Corporation.

5.6 The Board of Director(s) of the Corporation may, be Restated Articles of Incorporation, classify or reclassify any unissued stock from time to time by setting or changing the preferences, conversions or other rights, voting powers, restrictions, limitations as to dividends, qualifications, or term or conditions of redemption of the stock.

#### **ARTICLE 6 - SHAREHOLDERS' RESTRICTIVE AGREEMENT**

All of the shares of stock of this Corporation may be subject to a Shareholders' Restrictive Agreement containing numerous restrictions on the rights of shareholders of the Corporation and transferability of the shares of stock of the Corporation. A copy of the Shareholders' Restrictive Agreement, if any, is on file at the principal office of the Corporation.

#### **ARTICLE 7 - POWERS OF CORPORATION**

The Corporation shall have the same powers as an individual to do all things necessary or convenient to carry out its business and affairs, subject to any limitations or restrictions imposed by applicable law or these Articles of Incorporation.

#### **ARTICLE 8 - TERM OF EXISTENCE**

This Corporation shall have perpetual existence.

#### **ARTICLE 9 - REGISTERED OWNER(S)**

The Corporation, to the extent permitted by law, shall be entitled to treat the person in whose name any share or right is registered on the books of the Corporation as the owner thereto, for all purposes, and except as may be agreed in writing by the Corporation, the Corporation shall not be bound to recognize any equitable or other claim to, or interest in, such share or right on the part of any other person, whether or not the Corporation shall have notice thereof.

#### **ARTICLE 10 - REGISTERED OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT**

The initial address of registered office of this Corporation is 6 Pelican Isle, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301. The name and address of the registered agent of this Corporation is David Margolis, 6 Pelican Isle, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301.

#### ARTICLE 11 - BYLAWS

The Board of Director(s) of the Corporation shall have power, without the assent or vote of the shareholders, to make, alter, amend or repeal the Bylaws of the Corporation, but the affirmative vote of a number of Directors equal to a majority of the number who would constitute a full Board of Director(s) at the time of such action shall be necessary to take any action for the making, alteration, amendment or repeal of the Bylaws.

#### ARTICLE 12 - EFFECTIVE DATE

These Articles of Incorporation shall be effective immediately upon approval of the Secretary of State, State of Florida.

#### ARTICLE 13 - AMENDMENT

The Corporation reserves the right to amend, alter, change or repeal any provision contained in these Articles of Incorporation, or in any amendment hereto, or to add any provision to these Articles of Incorporation or to any amendment hereto, in any manner now or hereafter prescribed or permitted by the provisions of any applicable statute of the State of Florida, and all rights conferred upon shareholders in these Articles of Incorporation or any amendment hereto are granted subject to this reservation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, acknowledged and filed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation under the laws of the State of Florida, this 8<sup>TH</sup> day of OCTOBER, 1999.

  
Robert A. D'Amore, Incorporator

#### ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT DESIGNATED IN ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

David Margolis having a address identical with the registered office of the Corporation name above, and having been designated as the Registered Agent in the above and foregoing Articles of Incorporation, is familiar with and accepts the obligations of the position of Registered Agent under the applicable provisions of the Florida Statutes.

  
David Margolis, Registered Agent

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